

Introduction to PSG Concepts

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Professional Specialty Group

- A technical group responsible for defining objectives in support of FIS goals and to oversee all aspects of the implementation of Fisheries Information System components
- The PSG is composed of headquarters, region and center business area and technical experts
- PSG policy document is developed to provide guidance and direction of PSG responsibilities

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Why PSGs?

- Include all key partners
- Tackle manageable pieces of FIS
- Achieve progress through smaller groups
- Support decentralized FIS development

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PSG Goals

- Build national fisheries information expert teams to share ideas, successes and experiences in the management of Fisheries information.
- Ensure the transparency, quality, integrity, objectivity and utility of Fisheries data through the development of FIS policies, processes, and best practices.
- Maximize the efficiency and cost effectiveness of Fisheries data by building cross-regional and national level information systems and resources.
- Consult with business area and technical experts, both internal and external, that can provide guidance, mentorship and training in the development of regional, cross-regional and national information management tools and services.
- Operate as the core team through communication, collaboration, and cooperation to refine and pursue the goals and objectives of FIS.

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How PSG Works

- Build national expert teams to solve cross-regional and national issues
- Follow experiences and best practices
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Goal oriented and strong commitment
- Regular meetings and yearly conferences
- Build consensus on business issues and use the best technology, developing applications to provide the best solutions.

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Current FIS PSGs

- System Design and Integration (Metadata, Data conversion, DQ, etc.)
- Permits and unique identification
- Landings and Logbook Reconciliation
- Electronic Reporting

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PSG Meeting Objectives

- Understand the PSG's goals and define objectives
- Define roles and shared responsibilities
- Develop groups for specified FIS components
- Build teams to implement FIS components
- Discuss project plans for each

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Desired PSG Meeting Outcomes

- Clearly defined objectives, scope, measurable factors, and associated risks for each goal defined earlier
- Define required skills and resources needed for each objective.
- List of priority and target dates
- Following up action plan and schedules

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